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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 4589

DEPT FOR OC/RCO/ARA & SY/OPS/FO; PANAMA FOR CEO-R & RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC ACOM
SUBJECT: VOICE RADIO NET, CARACAS

1. DURING THE PAST YEAR CARACAS HAS SUPPORTED AT LEAST ONE VIP VISIT PERMONTH, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN VARIOUS EMERGENCY SITUATIONS NECESSITATING USE OF THE VOICE RADIO NET AND ROUTINE SITUATIONS WHERE THE RADIO NET WAS USED. IN ALL CASES WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH TRANSMISSION WITHIN THE CITY, INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER STATIONS, HAVE MANNED RELAY STATIONS ON THE MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING THE CITY AND ENCOUNTERED NUMEROUS OTHER PROBLEMS. WITH CEO-R NOW IN PANAMA, MAINTENANCE WILL BE A TIME DELAY FACTOR.

2. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT THE GENERAL TELEPHONE ELECTRONIC CORPORATION (GTE) IS THE SOLE DISTRIBUTOR OF GE RADIO EQUIPMENT IN VENEZUELA. THEY PRESENTLY PROVIDE ALL RADIO EQUIPMENT FOR THE OIL COMPANIES AND OTHER MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. THEIR AMERICAN MANAGER, JOHN ZARATE, HAS VOICED AN INTEREST IN ASSISTING THE EMBASSY BOTH BY WAY OF SURVEYING OUR REQUIREMENTS, AND PRESENTING TO THE USG A CONTRACT BID FOR THELEASE AND MAINTENANCE OF RADIO EQUIPMENT IN CARACAS AND MARACAIBO.

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE RCO CONCURRENCY FOR DISCUSSION AND
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PRESENTATION OF VOICE RADIO REQUIREMENTS WITH GTE AND/OR SCHEDULING OF VISIT BY CEO-R TO PERFORM THE SMAE SURVEY*

4. WITH RCO CONCURRENCE POST IS IN NEED OF RETAINING RCA TACTEC UNITS UNTIL DECISION IS MADE RE THE GTE OR CEO-R SURVEY. RSO TELFORD WILL DISCUSS THIS NEED AS WELL AS THE WHOLE VOICE RADIO PROGRAM FOLLOWING HIS WASHINGTON ARRIVAL MAY 22.

5. WE ARE RETURNING SIX OF THE GUTTER MOUNT ANTENNAS AND
RETAINING SIX AT POST PER ORIGINAL REQUEST.
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